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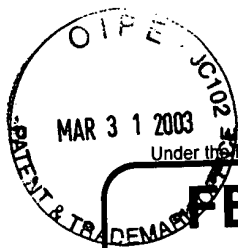
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims: 19 - 20 = 0 x 9 = 0
Independent Claims: 3 - 3** = 0 x 42 = 0
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
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1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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AMENDMENTS

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In the Claims

Amend claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 17-21, 23, and 24.

Add new claim 25.

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